

HOUSE BILL 2818

By DeBerry J

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-101, relative to enforcement of any provision of child support by revocation, denial or suspension of licenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-101(f)(5)(A), is amended by deleting that subdivision in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

In enforcing any provision of child support, if an obligee, or the department or its contractor in Title IV-D cases, specifically prays for revocation of a license because an obligor is alleged to be in noncompliance with an order of support, or if the court determines on its own motion, or on motion of a party, that any individual party has failed to comply with a subpoena or a warrant in connection with the establishment or enforcement of an order of support, the court may find, specifically, in its order that the obligor is not in compliance with an order of support as defined by part 7 of this chapter, or it may find that an individual party has failed to comply with a subpoena or warrant in connection with the establishment or enforcement of an order of support, and, upon finding that revocation, denial or suspension of the obligor's or individual party's licenses will not interfere with the ability to work or seek employment, the court may direct that any or all of the obligor's or individual party's licenses be subject to revocation, denial or suspension by the appropriate licensing authority, pursuant to part 7 of this chapter. The court shall direct the clerk to send a copy of that order to the department of human services to be sent by the department to each licensing authority specified in the order for processing and suspension, denial or revocation pursuant to § 36-5-706 and any other applicable provisions of part 7 of this chapter. Costs related to such order shall be taxed to the obligor or individual party.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.